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SWISS FESTIVALS FEAT

NEDERLAND

Honor Columbus On 500th Birthday

Italy is one of the few nations which this year are commemorating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Christopher Columbus with a stamp or stamps.



The Italian contribution is in the form of a 20 Lire bluish green item picturing members of the Columbus' entourage erecting a crude cross on the shores of the New World.

New World,

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City, the commem was released on May 5.

The design was adapted from a well known painting by Giovan Carloni which now hangs in the Doges Chapel in the Ducal Palage

Denominations are to be 5, 10 and 15 Lire.

Italy will soon produce three commemoratives to honor the composer Verdi, one of its native sons. Denominations were not revealed but the designs will show Verdi at Roncole at the be-ginning of his career; at Parma where he had his first great success; and finally at Milan at the peak of his efforts.

All the above stamps will be overprinted with "F.T.T." for use in the Free Territory of Trieste. Italy will soon release an air letter but other than this bare announcement by the postal officials nothing else was mentioned,

Color Change For 21/2d Australian Regular

In the next few weeks Australia will change the color of the current 2½d stamp which pictures King George VI. It now appears in red.

Purpose of the change is to avoid confusion in the post offices. Since the 3d stamp is now being printed in red it was difficult for the clerks to distinguish between the two.

The color of the 2½d will now be a rich shade of brown. Supplies of the 2½d red will be used up and not destroyed.

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APPEALING MINIATURE WORKS OF ART are these five semi-postal stamps which Holland released on May 1. Each stamp depicts an ancient castle of that country. Known as the Summer Charity issue, funds derived from the sale of these stamps will be channeled to various cultural, social and medical purposes. Denominations and colors are 2c plus 2c violet; 5c plus 3c red; 6c plus 4c dark brown; 10c plus 5c green and 20c plus 5c blue. Sale of the stamps will end on July 15 but their validity to pay postage fees will remain until January 1, 1953.

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Also reported by Lo Bianco is the impending issuance of a set of three stamps with a sport theme to publicize the Olympic Games held in Florence. In bicolor the design has the Flag of the City of Florence, the Coat of Arms of the Medici, and various pieces of sport equipment. Netherland Summer Charity Issue To Feature Five Ancient Castle First Day Of Issue On May 15 **Netherland Summer Charity Issue** To Feature Five Ancient Castles;

Collectors of the stamps of the Netherlands, and those others partial to well designed and engraved issues, will certainly look forward to the five semipostal stamps to be released by that nation on May 15. Featured in the design will be five of the ancient castles of Holland, Hillenraad near Swalmen; Bergh in 's-Heerenberg; Hernen near Bergharen; Rechteren near Dalfsen and Moer-mond near Renesse. To be produced from steel engraved plates, a

mond near Renesse. To be produced from steel engraved plates, a preview of the designs shown elsewhere on this page, give every indication that the stamps can be considered miniature works of art. Denominations, colors and designs are 2c plus 2c violet, Hillenraad Castle; 5c plus 3c red Bergh Castle; 6c plus 4c dark brown, Hernen Castle; 10c plus 5c green, Rechteren Castle; and 25c plus 5c blue, Moermond Castle; Tayane Offer Castlet

NEDERLAND

Approximately 7/8" wide by 1 1/8" high, the stamps will be printed in panes of 100 (10 x 10) on unwatermarked paper, comb perforated 121/2 x 12.

comb perforated 12½ x 12.

While the stamps will remain on sale but two months, from May 15 to July 15, they will be valid for the payment of postage fees until January 1, 1953.

The above described set is known as the Summer Charity issue to distinguish it from another set of semipostals issued later in the year devoted strictly to various children's charities. These Summer Charities have been issued since 1935 with the exception of the years 1942 to 1946 when the country was under German occupation, and recuperating from the effects of World War II.

Half of the funds derived from

Half of the funds derived from the surtax on each stamp are devoted to cultural purposes such as commissions to artists, sub-ventions to orchestras and similar enterprises. The remaining half is used for medical and social purposes such as sustaining the fight against cancer, tuberculosis

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The dates are June 7, 8 and 9. Each day, the club will produce a different cachet in a different color—that makes three covers to the set.

One cover cancelled on any one day of the show will cost six cents, a set containing the three different comes at eighteen cents. There is no limit to the quantity of covers which can be ordered dered.

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1951 Edition Of Federal Festival Semipostals Shows National Games, Zurich Arms; First Day On June 1

Switzerland's Federal Festival semipostals for 1951 will continue and finish the national sports theme which was begun with the 1950 edition of the same series. Like last year's, the new set will have five stamps, four of them portraying sports, and the fifth a coat of arms. The first day of issue will be June 1 with their sale continuing at all post offices until August 5, and the Swiss Philatelic Agency until August 20. They will have a validity for postage fees for six months the last day being November 30, 1951. Proceeds from the surtax amounting to 90% will be distributed through three organizations for the benefit of needy mothers.

These are the Union of Swiss Women Association, the Swiss Women Society for Public Utili-ty, and the Swiss Catholic League Women.

The remaining 10% is held in

Sciences.

red in the process of putting a blast to the breezes. The Philatelic Agency, Direction General of PTT, Bollwerk 8,



Switzerland will prepare Berne, first day covers, and will also have the stamp for sale at face value plus return postage. Cost of one set amounts 1.50 Francs. There are approximately four Swiss Francs to one United States dollar.

The Swiss Agency has a list of stamps which are for sale at face value as well as a brochure describing the services to collectors, free on request. reserve for humanitarian purposes such as the work of the Swiss Society for Intellectual

Cachet Propaganda For Flower Stamp

Only part of one stamp will be produced from an engraved plate. It is the 5c plus 5c gray and red which will have a reproduction of the Coat of Arms of Switzerland, the latter in rotary heliogravure and the balance of the design engraved.

Zurich's Arms were chosen for The United States Flower Postage Stamp Committee is sponsoring a cacheted envelope mailable from Jacksonville, Fla, until June 15. First day of issue of the cachet was on May 1 on which date covers were cancelled at Christmas, Florida.

Zurich's Arms were chosen for the design since this year it cele-brates its 600th year in the Swiss Confederation.

Theabove stamp is the only one of the five to be produced at the Post Office printing establishment. The remaining four are the work of Courvoisier of La Chauxde-Fonds. They are printed by the For five cents, the Committee will supply the cacheted envelope, the addressing and the three cent stamp. Collectors need but send the full payment and the name and address to appear on the cover to Halle Cohen, Cohen Bros., Jacksonville, Fla. rotary heliogravure process.

A 10c plus 10c green, gray and red pictures Swiss couples doing a Valaisan polka, while the 20c plus 10c brown, gray and red

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Cachets For Kansas. Texas First Flights

Those who like their cachets on first flight covers will have the opportunity of participating in two flights just announced by the Post Office Department. These were described in the Postal Bulletin as follows:

Effective on or about June 1, 1951, air mail service will be inaugurated at Great Bend, Kans., over route A. M. 29.

Special cachet will be provided for Great Bend and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

Effective on or about May 15, 1951, air mail service will be inaugurated at Borger, Tex., over feeder route A. M. 81.

Special cachet will be provided for Borger and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First dight air mail covers sent

First-flight air-mail covers first-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmasters at Great Bend and Borger must be prepaid at the appropriate air-mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return-reply purposes are not acceptable as first flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the apfirst flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2½ by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

No provision will be made for point-to-point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given di-rectional service only to an of-fice designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transporsuperintenent, Postal Transpor-tation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Pursuant to Order E-5328 issued by the Civil Aeronautics Board effective April 25, 1951, authorizing Trans-Pacific Airways to engage in the transportation of mail on route A. M. 99, mail service will be designated on this route effective May 15, 1951.

This route will operate as fol-lows: Between the terminal point lows: Between the terminal point Honolulu, Oahu; the intermediate points Hoolehua, Molokai; Lanai City, Lanai; Maalaea, Maui; Upolu Point, Hawaii; Kailua, Hawaii; and the terminal point Hilo, Hawaii. Between the terminal point Honolulu, Oahu; and the terminal point island of Kauai. Inasmuch as these offices are

Inasmuch as these offices are presently served by route A. M. 33, no official cachets will be provided for the inauguration of this service.

Magazine Makes Philatelic Blunder

Leave it to the lay press to get all flubbed up when it comes to writing anything about stamps and stamp collectors. Latest bit of "thrilling" misinformation was produced by "Omnibook" which sent out the following as advance publicity for an article which was to be contained in the next numto be contained in the next number. It reads:

"The greatest stamp collector of all time was Maria, Duchess of of all time was Maria, Duchess of Balliera (sic), She began collec-ting stamps in 1861 and spent an average of \$10,000 a week for 1400 weeks. Omnibook magazine reveals that during the First World War, the French Govern-ment seized the collection and sold it....for \$2,000,000, hardly one seventh of what the Duchess invested in her hobby."

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SWEDEN: Extreme simplicity of design will feature the new series for regular postage now in production with a June 6 first day in mind. All will bear an identical relief portrait of the new king, Gustaf VI Adolf.



June 6 is the day celebrated annually as the Day of the Swedish Flag.

King Gustav VI Adolf assumed the kingship but several months ago following the death of his popular father, King Gustavus V.

The portrait of the king was drawn by artist David Tagtholm specially commissioned for the task. The winner of the prize for the general design of the stamp was Mark Sylwan.

The stamps are to appear in both coil and booklet form, with five denominations at this time. Printing will be the work of the Post Office Printery at Stockholm.

Denominations, colors, and categories of the coil stamps are as follows. Coils will be issued containing 100, 500 and 1000 each perforated 12 3/4 vertically.

10 ore green, the printed matter basic rate.

15 ore, the color not yet decided; it is the domestic post card rate unless the Riksdag (Congress) decides on an in-

20 ore red, the foreign post card

rate.

25 ore gray, the new domestic simple letter rate expected to become law by action in the Riksdag shortly.

30 ore blue, the foreign simple

30 ore blue, the foreign simple letter rate.

Two values have been assigned to be produced in Booklet form. They are the 100 green and form. They are the 250 gray.



Reproduced herewith is the 1951 Annual Flag Day Seal. This series was pictured and explained in a recent "Collecting Charity Seals" column which appears in Linn's at regular intervals.

Three colors were used. The flag has a yellow cross and a blue field, the farmer sowing seed in the field is in a golden brown while the lettering is in blue with the exception of "Den 6 Juni" which is in brown.

These seals are not postage stamps and have no franking value, but they are sold for a nominal price such as the Christmas and Easter seals.

Swedish philatelists are, to put

invested in her hobby."

Even amateurs will recognize the blatant errors. In the first place the mother of Ferrari was Galliera; she had little to do with the collection, and while the Count sometimes spent that much, it is also known that he did not spend that much on an average.

In fact, Gilbert, who sold the collection, often stated the stamps brought "much more than Ferrari had paid."

Swedish philatelists are, to put it diplomatically, very discouraged and put out by the latest brain storm of their Post Office Department. It seems that the new regular series described above will only be cancelled on the first day of issue if they are affixed to a specially prepared first day cover.

This is the first time that the Swedish POD has broken with a traditional philatelically correct handling of new issues and first

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Sweden's stamp and cover collectors feel that they are being taken advantage of. In this instance the covers will bear a beautiful cachet, a reproduction of the new Royal Cipher. Funds from the sale of the covers are to be channeled to the National Asso-ciation Against Rheumatism.

While most collectors are in sympathy with the work of the Association, they see no reason why they through the cacheted covers should bear the brunt of the campaign for operating funds.

Should any readers care for a first day cover of the new series bearing the nine stamps (includes the perf varieties), I will attempt to get them at a cost of 85c each. You can send dollar bills—I will refund the 15c in mint U. S. stamps.

Club Elects First Permanent Officers

The temporary officers which have been serving the Fairfield County Philatelic Club of Lancaster, Ohio have been replaced by those of a permanent nature at a recent election. The new president and secretary had previously served in a temporary canacity. pacity.

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Iceland Commemoratives Celebrate 175th Anniversary Of Founding Of Postal System; Issued May 13

When Iceland marks the 175th anniversary of Postal Service When Iceland marks the 175th anniversary of Postal Service with a set of two commems on May 13 collectors will have stamps bearing rather bleak, Arctic designs to add to their albums. Both stamps are nearly identical with the exception that a postman on foot appears against snow covered cliffs and nearly buried houses on the 2 Kronur, and an airplane on the 3Kr. There will be a total printing of 500,000 of the 2Kr. and 400,000 of the 3Kr. An official Postal Service was established in Iceland on May 13, 1776 by Royal Decree, therefore the stamps will have their first day on the actual anniversary date. anniversary date,



The first stamps of Iceland were issued in 1872 with their denominations in the skilling currency. These were 2, 4, 8 and 16sk. (Skildingar), Less than three later and the skilling currency.

losk (Skildingar), Less than three years later a new monetary unit was introduced having the kronur and the aurar, on January 1, 1875.

First postage stamps in this new currency were released on August 1, 1876 and carried the values of 5, 6, 10, 16, 20 and 40 aurar.

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In the aforesaid decree instructions were given by the government to the governor of Iceland, and the Lt. governor of Iceland, and the Lt. governor of the North and East district to establish official postal routes to be served three times a year by carriers from the four quarters of the country to Bessataoir, the residence of the governor, and back to the counties, mainly to the county bailiffs.

These postal trips were to be performed about the same time as ships departed from Iceland for Copenhagen, Denmark in order to insure that letters from every part of the country could reach their destination within the shortest possible time.

It was then decided that the carriers should be set off on their journeys from the different counties so that they met at Bessastaoir at the beginning of March, June and October each year.

(Iceland became an independent republic on June 17, 1944. Formerly the nation was united with Denmark under King Christian X who was king of both nations.)

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The main object in the establishment of this postal service was for the conduct of official business—to insure that important official mail circulated safely between the Bailiffs, the governor and the government in Copenhagen.

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to Iceland were divided between two governmental departments in Copenhagen, the Chancellery, or "Cancelli", and the Customs and Revenue Office, "Rentekammer". The first of the two dealt with all judicial matters, while the lat-

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In 1773 however, these affairs were brought back to the Customs and Revenue Office and Jon Eiriksson there assumed the duty of Commissioner and Deputy, a sort of permanent under secretary of state. From then until his death in 1787 he was a leading personality in all affairs concerning Iceland.

The highest authority residing in Iceland at the time was the governor who at the same time was also functioning as Lt. governor of the South and West District. He was the king's representative and in direct connection with the government departments in Copenhagen.

About 1771, all Icelandic affairs dealt with by the Customs and Revenue office were transferred to a new department named the Norwegian Department ("Norske Kammer"). An Icelander, Jon with the government departments in Copenhagen.

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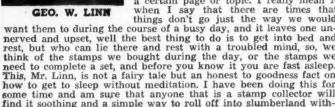
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Why Count Sheep

A part of a letter from Mr. William W. Devine of Bellerose, New York fits in so well with a recent editorial of mine that I am going to quote a good part of that letter and believe you will enjoy it. I spoke of taking our stamp collections to bed with us and it seems that is just what Mr. Devine has been doing. Maybe it is a new thought that will benefit all of us. After telling us how much he likes our paper we find the following.

"But to get down to the reason for writing you this letter Mr. Linn. I would like to comment on your editorial in your issue of "LINN'S" of April 23rd where you state that you wish and "how wonderful it would be if we could only take our hobby to bed with us at night," unquote. Well, I do just that Mr. Linn, I take my stamp collection to bed with me almost every night, mentally, of course, and find it more pleasing than to count sheep to get to sleep after a trying day at the office. Of course we can count sheep, as the saying goes, but why count sheep when one can count how many more stamps he would need to complete a certain page or topic. I really mean it when I say that there are times that things don't go just the way we would want them to during the course of a busy day, and it leaves one unnerved and upset, well the best thing to do is to get into bed and rest, but who can lie there and rest with a troubled mind, so, we think of the stamps we bought during the day, or the stamps we need to complete a set, and before you know it you are fast asleep. This, Mr. Linn, is not a fairy tale but an honest to goodness fact on how to get to sleep without meditation. I have been doing this for some time and am sure that anyone that is a stamp collector will find it soothing and a simple way to roll off into slumberland without the use of drugs."

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"Of course your editorials are the best, and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the fine work you are doing, but if you want to help your brother, and sister, collectors get a good nights sleep, inform them of this system and see if you won't be thanked by lots more than just me. Let them take their stamp collection to bed (mentally) and see if they do obtain some added pleasures."

More About Mr. Plumley

There are always two or more sides to everything it seems and we are now getting the other side of the Plumley matter. In the first place we have nothing against Mr. Plumley. (Note we do not say Congressman Plumley for we now learn that his term in Congress terminated January 3, 1951.)

Our object in printing the letter and the information we gave was to point out with actual evidence just one of the thousands of things that are helping to make a tremendous deficit in the P. O. Department and due to which the Department is constantly trying to raise postal rates beyond reason. Our mail now brings us letters from many other sources pointing out many other things that help cause this deficit, most of which we are well aware of. The point is that the whole system is wrong and like any Governmental system that thrives and lives and sucks the public dry it is almost possible to eliminate such systems because those that thrive off of the systems are the ones who would have to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs for themselves and they just won't do it. Seems what we need most now is an investigation by the public of both Congress and the Government.

Mr. Hoover was invited to make such an investigation some

Mr. Hoover was invited to make such an investigation some time ago but he had no power to put his findings into effect and as a result most of them will be kicked down the drain.

Any who ordered before are welcome to put his findings into effect and as a result most of them will be kicked down the drain.

Information from Wachington, from an unquestionable source states that Mr. Plumley is a very nice old gentleman, that he has always been a friend of stamp collectors. And as we have said, we have nothing against Mr. Plumley, but just used this letter because it fitted into a Philatelic publication.

We have a telegram from Mr. Plumley in which he is quite renceived. However in his defense he points out that "three things might have happened, namely envelope and possible others end enroute or accidentally been included in bundle of outgoing official mail or was stamped and stamp became detached enroute or accidentally been included in bundle of outgoing official mail? He is entitled to the Frenking certainly does not permit this kind of malling, or does it The envelope shows that I it as a ever stamped the stamp fell off before it got to the post office. It of course could have been mailed without a stamp.

A letter from Prantiley is a very stamped the stamp and so must believe that Mr. Plumley, but the letter, being tied in with our hobby fitted well in our columns. Only by an uprising of the public can the lills that infest so many of our Government Departments and agencies be eliminated.

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Elsewhere in this issue I am offering those of our readers who will want a souvenir of our trip to Hawaii, an opportunity to get a Hand Painted Cover by Air Mail from Hawaii. These will be handsome souvenirs and we only regret that we have to put a price on them. This is necessary however to keep the volume down as even now we wonder if in making this offer we might be swamped with a lot of work that might interfere with a happy vacation. However we have planned things in such manner that we believe we can have the work done before we start away from here and that is the reason for our time limit on orders. We just have to stick to that so do not expect your order to be filled uples it reaches the to that, so do not expect your order to be filled unless it reaches us by the date mentioned in the offer.



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Linn's Aids Kiwanis Underprivileged Fund

Linn's Weekly Stamp News has received a letter of thanks from the Kiwanis Club of Peekskill, N.Y. for the help that this publication gave its Underprivileged Children's Fund two months ago when Linn's called attention to the club's use of postage stamps in order to help towards summer vacations in the towards summer vacations in the country for poor children from Peekskill who could not afford

The secretary of the club, Raymond Priestly, has advised that fifty-six readers of this publicafifty-six readers of this publication took advantage of the offer. While most of these ordered one pound each, several ordered two pounds, and one subscriber ordered five pounds. In addition, four readers doubled their remittance, sending in two dollars, with the suggestion that the extra dollar be added to the fund. Two collectors asked that the stamps be forwarded to the nearest Veterans' Hospital, something that the Club was happy to do, there being two particularly large Veterans' Hospitals in the Peekskill area.

area.

In all, almost \$75 was raised for the fund, a sum which will bring the pleasures of the country this summer for a week or more to a half dozen youngsters. And all this was done simply through the sale of a commodity which most business men, ignorant of the value of stamps, daily consign to waste baskets! As far as member of the Peekskill Kiwanis Club is concerned, their eyes have been opened not only as regards the power of the postage regards the power of the postage stamp, but at the size of the heart of Linn's readers.

In thanking this publication, Mr. Priestly stated that the Club still has on hand for sale about twenty pounds of this United State mixture, all brought in by members from their daily mail, and unpicked in any way.

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In its sixth year of service to philately, the Expert Committee of The Philatelic Foundation has examined more than 3000 stamps and covers and has attested to the authenticity of more than 1500, it was announced by Theodore E. Steinway, Chairman of the Committee, at the annual meeting of the Foundation's trustees, April 23 at the Collectors Club, New York City.

Reliance on the Committee as

postal materials has increased steadily during the past year, and the rate of progress compares fa-vorably with that of the famed Royal Philatelic Society of Lon-don, Pointing out that the British authority was established in April

al's total of 35,000 in 67 years. The Foundation, a non-profit educational institution for the dissemination of philatelic knowledge, will extend and expand its activities in the coming year. Among the aspects of its enlarged program will be the sponsorship of a new course on philately to be given at Columbia University. Winthrop S. Boggs, Director of the Foundation, will act as lecturer. At the trustees' meeting, six of

At the trustees' meeting, six of the Foundation's 19 trustees were reelected to serve until the spring of 1954. They were: Henry E. Abt, United States Locals specialist; Richard S. Bohn, air mail specialist and president of the Collectors Club; George R. M. Ewing, Bureau Issues specialist; Robert L. Graham, Jr., specialist in the stamps of 20th century Spain; Malcolm Johnson, China Spain; Malcolm Johnson, China specialist; and Oscar R. Lichten-stein, air mail specialist.

Officers of the Foundation reelected at the meeting were chairman of the board of trustees,
John H. Hall, specialist in early
Spain and the classic issues of
Chile (1853-1865); vice chairman,
Mrs. John Denny Dale, a British
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and Old German States; secretary, Henry M. Goodkind, editor
of the Collectors Club "Philatelist," and assistant secretary, Mr.
Boggs. Officers of the Foundation re-

Boggs.

Mr. Hall also announced the recent election to the Board of Trustees of Mr. Edgar B. Jessup, a California specialist.

Wants To Hear From Zepp Mail Specialists

Among the thousands of collectors who specialize in airmail stamps there are many who devote a great deal of their philatelic time to Zepplin mail items. It is these Zepp fans that Joseph F. Bush, P.O. Box 870, Williamstown, Mass, would like to hear from with the thought in mind of organizing a club.

To assist the membership in the proper evaluation of Zepp material a number of the highly specialized Sieger's Zepplin Mail Catalog, 14th edition have been accumulated by Mr. Bush for distribution.

Reliance on the Committee as a source of authentication of rare don. Pointing out that the British authority was established in April 1894, whereas the Foundation's Committee was established in October 1945, Mr. Steinway noted that the latter's 3000 specimens reviewed in five and one-half years represents a far more rapid rate of increase than the Royal's total of 35,000 in 67 years.

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in Africa.

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somaliland. This column recently reported that in addition to the 10 overprinted stamps from 5c to 5 shillings, the Crown Agents had announced an additional stamp, 2 shillings on 3 Rupees. Inasmuch as the 2 Rupees stamp had been everywited. pee stamp had been overprinted 2 shillings, the writer stated that this was probably an error and might be 3 Shillings on 3 Ru-

This stamp has now been re-leased and is overprinted 2 shil-lings, so that there are now 11 stamps in the set, two of which are overprinted 2 Shillings.

ADEN. About 18 months ago, it was announced that Aden and Somaliland would change to decimal currency and the U. P. U. sets were prepared accordingly. Due to delays in making this change, it became necessary to overprint these stamps with values in the old currency of an as and Rupees.

Now that the large extra supply has passed from dealers.

Now that the stamps of Somar-iland have appeared with the new currency, it is expected that the stamps of Aden and Aden States will soon appear over-printed in decimal currency.

granted in decimal currency.

GREAT BRITAIN. Dealers in England are advertising that they want to buy the Channel Islands commemorative stamps (#269/70 Scott). These stamps were on sale at post offices in Channel Islands and although valid for postage throughout Great Britain, were not on sale except in the General Post Office in London.

Under these conditions, these

Under these conditions, these stamps were not bought or used to any extent in Great Britain. This set is scarce in London and the supply in this country is small. They should advance in price.

CANADA OHMS. Dangerous forgeries, or fakes, are reported in many of the O.H.M.S. stamps used. Some time ago this column, explained that these perforations came in two types, the 4 hole

and the 5 hole, and the forgeries are reported on the 5 hole type.

These fake perforated initials can produce big profits on scarce used items, such as Scott #158, the 50c bluenose, which is ordinarily worth about 80c to 85c, but with these perforated initials, a used copy is worth from \$18.00 to \$20.00 \$20.00.

\$20.00.

Another cheap stamp that becomes quite valuable when perforated O.H.M.S. is Scott's #223, which takes on a value of about \$10.00 to \$12.00.

MALTA. The recently issued "Princess Elizabeth" set is now obsolete and in demand to such an extent that the stocks of deal-

an extent that the stocks of dealers is rapidly being depleted. This set looks good. SILVER WEDDINGS. After the

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Here is shown a sketch of the Sphinx of Egypt as it appeared in the year 1842. A fair estimate of the size of the head can be gotten by a comparison with the camel in the foreground. It is thought that the sand which covers the body accumulated from the year 641 when the Arabs conquered Egypt. Inasmuch as they had a religious abthe Arabs conquered Egypt. Inasmuch as they had a religious au-horence of images their disinterest in the Sphinx can be understood. This same attitude would account for the damage to the face of the monument inflicted by arrows and bullets. The sand covering the body of the statue is probably a 1200 year accumulation, from 641

HE SPHI

Ancient Monument by J. F. McGee

A recent news dispatch from Cairo, Egypt, informed the world that the Sphinx was to be repaired for the first time since 50 A. D. Of course it refers to the largest and best-known Sphinx of antiquity, the Sphinx of Ghizeh.

The Sphinx, together with a pyramid, was the subject of Egyptian postage stamps for forty-seven years. And back in those days when the majority of the stamps of the world portrayed the heads of rulers, statesmen and generals, the sphinx stamps of Egypt were tops with all juvenile collectors.

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Note, the news dispatch says And I doubt that a piece of sulpture exists that shows the appearance of the head of the Sphinx when it was completed they be the strength of the special sulpture that shows the appearance of the head of the Sphinx when it was completed the strength of t Sphinx when it was completed about five thousand years ago. The artist who designed the Egyptian stamps of 1879, reconstructed the head of the Sphinx in his drawing according to his own conception. He gave it feminine features and added a head-dress that extends down each side of the head and in front of the shoulders. the shoulders.

(It was the Greek sphinxes that had the head and breasts of a woman, and wings. Those of Egypt had the body of a recumbent lion with the head of a man, ram or hawk.)

The Ghizeh Pyramids

The Sphinx in question belongs to the Ghizeh group of pyramids, hence the name. This group is located across the Nile River and west of Cairo, and north of the site of the once great city of Memphis. It is located on a natural limestone plateau about four miles from the river and a hundred and fifty feet above the Nile valley. To the west is the vast Libyan Desert.



Sphinx and Cephrenes Pyramid These pyramids represent the These pyramids represent the oldest man-made monuments in the world. There are nine of them in the group. The biggest of them is that of Cheops, which is the largest of all these structures, its base covering an area larger than that of a city block. The second in size is that of Cephrenes, and the third of My-

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The Sphinx was carved out of a hill of yellow limestone. It is located about 450 feet in front of the second pyramid, the Cephrenes, and faces towards what the capital of Egypt was then the capital of Egypt, Memphis. The city has now van-ished, it having bee a quarry for Caire ished, it for Cairo. The Sp.

for Cairo.

The Sphinx and the Pyramid of Cephrenes are the subject of the second Egyptian postage stamps, the 1867 set. The Cephrenes was replaced in the 1872 issue by the great Pyramid of Cheops. This type of subject continued to be used on all the postage stamps down to the pictorial set of 1914. You can observe that the Cheops is to the rear and left of the Sphinx, its correct position.

I have never been to Egypt. Most of my information on the Sphinx and the pyramids was obtained from the two-volume



The Sphinx and Pyramid of Cheops

work of the Rev. John P. Durbin's "Observations in the (Near) East." He visited the country in 1842. His first volume contains a diagram of the site of Ghizeh pyramids. There is also a full-page sketch of the Sphinx as it appeared when he saw it. At that time the sands of the Libyan Desert had covered, and protected, it up to its neck.

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The sand was removed a few years later. It was a big job with

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the primitive means available. and required three months of work with the help of a hundred Arab laborers. When completely Arab laborers. When completely uncovered, it was found that the huge front paws extended fifty feet forward from the body. Between them was a large block of granite, sculptured in bas-relief and hieroglyphics. There was also a small temple. In front of also a small temple. In front of it was a small carved lion, also recumbent, with gaze fixed on the Sphinx.

"Cleopatra's Needles'

Now back to the design of the 1867 stamps. In the right frame is depicted one of the so-called "Cleopatra's Needles". Durbin "Cleopatra's Needles". Durbin inspected the ruins of the ancient city of Alexandria. (The new and now modern town was built several miles north of the old site). When he saw the "Needles" one of them was prone and half buried in the earth. An old legend placed the pair before the entrance of the queen's palace. It is now known the obelisks originally had stood before the

entrance of the queen's palace. It is now known the obelisks originally had stood before the Temple of the Sun in Heliopolis and were brought to Alexandria by the Romans to adorn the grounds of the Temple of Caesar, which was after Cleo's time. If I remember the story correctly, there was a revolt in Egypt in the 1870's. American and British marines were landed at Alexandria to protect foreign property and to maintain order. The then khedive, in gratitude presented one of the "Needles" to the U. S. and the other to Britain. The British picked up their gift first, and it was said they took the one that had fallen, which was also the smallest. One of the Vanderbilts paid the cost of a huge iron cylinder, in which the American obelisk was placed. It was then towed to New York, where it arrived in 1880.

"Pompey's Pillar"

shaft in the left frame of the 1867 stamps is also erroneously named. It is known as "Pompey's Pillar" Durbin examined it. He wrote that it was constructed of material taken from earlier monuments, and that the inscription on its base revealed it was exceeded in honor that the inscription on its base revealed it was erected in honor of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. (284-313). Pompey's name is associated with Alexandria in that he was assassinated there in 48 B. C. He had lost a battle in Greece to Caesar, his former father-in-law. He fled to Alexandria, probably to seek the protection of Cleopatra. But he was slain by one of his own officers as he stepped ashore from his ship.

ship.

I believe a few paragraphs about the Rev. John P. Durbin world interest many of the readers. He was born in Kentucky in 1800, and was a clergyman and author. At one time he was chaplain to the U. S. Senate, editor of the "Christian Advocate," and later president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Accompanied by three younger companions, he undertook a trip, mostly overland, through

trip, mostly overland, through the Near East, from Alexandria to Constantinople. His first obto Constantinople. His first object was to retrace the route of the Flight of the Children of Israel from Egypt. The second was to visit the cities of the seven ancient apocalyptic Churches of Asia, Ephesus, Philadelphia, Laodices and the others. He found practically all of the cities in utter desolation, inhabited only by storks, wild animals and nomads. storks, wild animals and nomads

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WHOSE COVER WAS IT that made Major James T. DeVoss, chairman of the Hawaiian Centennial Philatelic Exhibition, and his two attractive helpers smile when they ran across it? He didn't say, but he did introduce his aides as Marian Chinn (left) and Jacki Wilkinson (right), both staff members of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. Wilkinson (right), both staff members of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. They have been preparing the envelopes sent to their care for an impression of the slogan cancellation announcing the exhibition, and that stack in front of them is but a part of the more than 5000 requests received. The mail was prompted by announcements in the philatelic press and via announcements over the Hawaii Calls program, heard all over the world.—Hawaii Visitors Bureau Photo



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CANADA—Postmaster General G. Edouard Rinfret has made available photographs of four stamps to commemorate the centennial of the transfer of the administration of the postal service to British North America. All will appear Sept. 24, coinciding with the holding of the Capex show in Toronto. Toronto.

Toronto.

One of the stamps will be a 15c denomination, bearing as its central motif a miniature reproduction of the original "Three Penny Beaver." The original stamp reproduced on this 15c denomination was designed by Sir Sandford Fleming, and will mark the first occasion that the Post Office Dept. has issued a postage stamp of the 15c denomination since 1908. The color will be the shade of red that approximates the first color used on the original stamp.

nal stamp.

The three other stamps will The three other stamps will display contrasts in the means of transportation used to convey the mails in 1851 and today. The 4c black, will show an old-fashioned wood-burning steam engine and train, as compared with a modern streamlined diesel. The 5c purple, pictures the side-paddle wheel "City of Toronto" as compared to the steamship "Prince George," and the 7c blue, will feature a stagecoach and a "North Star" type of plane.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—The airmail values of the Spa series were diagrams and the containing a bit of dirt from each of Italy's war cemeteries. The there two actually mark the Milan Fair though two events are commemorated. The 20 lire brown marks the International Helicopters show, and the other, a 55 lire blue, celebrates the Fair itself and has a view of a building.

TTALY—Trieste—These same three stamps have been overprinted "AMG-FTT," for use in Trieste, according to D. S. Bolaf-

mail values of the Spa series were apparently delayed, according to Aero Philatelist's News. This same source also questions whether souvenir sheets are to be a part of the issue.

FRANCE—Gimbels Stamp Department has been advised of the

partment has been advised of the issuance, or pending issuance of the following stamps; 15fr. bistre black, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (April 30); 25fr. green, Vincent d'Indy (May 15); 15fr. saphire blue, 50th anniversary of the colonial troops (May 15); 12fr. with color unannounced, veterinarian (June 11); 15fr. color unannounced, army doctor (June 18), and 15fr., color unannounced,



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St. Nicholas (June 25).

HONDURAS — According to Aero Philatelist's News, the scarcity of the imperforate U.P.U. overprinted sheet was the result of a stock problem. The decree called for 30,000 sheets, and only 29,750 perforated sheets were on hand, The balance (250 sheets) were added to the stock to make up the desired total.

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HUNGARY—For the Month of Friendship between Hungary and Russia two stamps were to have been issued, according to the World Telegram and Sun. A 60 filler shows the flags of the USSR and Hungary, with the former in the foreground. The 1.60ft. depicts a Stachanovist worker of Russia teaching his methods to Hungarians. Hungarians.

ICELAND-Jonas Hallgrimsson reports two stamps slated for May 13 release, to mark the 175th anniversary of postal service in Iceland. The values are 2 and 3kr., showing an aeroplane and a mailman delivering the

mail.
ITALY—Dante S. Bolaffi and P. Ostrow have supplemented each other with specimens and details of three new stamps. One is a 20 lire, violet, showing the Ara Pacis, or Altar of Peace, dedicated at Redipulgia Medea on May 6

ter show, and the other, a 55 lire blue, celebrates the Fair itself and has a view of a building. ITALY—Trieste—These same three stamps have been over-printed "AMG-FTT," for use in Trieste, according to D. S. Bolaf-fi

SOMALILAND-The Agents have been advised that the Rupees stamp, overprinted 2 shillings, have been released lo-

Hungarian Semipostals For Stamp Exhibition

The 80th anniversary of Hungary's first postage stamps will be marked with a set of three semipostals. Two of them will be issued as singles while the third will appear in the form of a souvenir sheet for airmail usage.

A 60 plus 60 filler, and a 1 plus 1 Forint will appear first, Then later the 2 plus 2 Forint sheet will appear. Surtaxes are to help defray the cost of a philatelic exhibition in Budapest.

News of the stamps came from

News of the stamps came from the Hungaria Stamp Exchange of New York City.

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fields.

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In addition, he was ordained as a Congregational preacher, and also served 30 years as President of the American Board of Foreign Missions, all of which many positions gave him much opportunity and territory to spread far and wide his theory of morality. "He was an inspired teacher and lecturer," so our reference book tells us, and author of many books on morals and religion.

During the centenary celebration of his presidency at Williams College, held in 1936, a memorial tablet was unveiled at his birthplace. Yes, he was elected to the American Hall of Fame.

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While a number of collectors slacken little during the warm and hot months of the year (maybe they have air conditioned dens!), it seems that the majority succumb to the call of the great outdoors. They garden, fish, loaf, camp and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine in many different pursuits not missing their stamps and covers too much. But hot weather, humidity or

stamps and covers too much.

But hot weather, humidity or general lassitude notwithstanding, there come periods when doing something philatelic seems to be the only occupation which will satisfy a restlessness we have.

Generally, unless there is a cool room to work in, mint stamps will be left alone. They curl, and if not handled properly they stick to fingers and the album page.

Course, eliminating mint stamps might spoil the fun of a lot of

might spoil the fun of a lot of people, but that shouldn't be. Has there ever been a collector so lacking in acquisitiveness that he hasn't accumulated a stack of interesting covers, or a box of used items which needs intensive

I doubt it, for while most collectors might resent being called hoarders, on the other hand, they rarely let go of anything regardless of value.

Summer time is dandy for cover work, not only the mounting but the reading up necessary for proper identification and classifi-cation. Course the simpler items like the First Days and the Cachets for various events need no boning up on, but they will need a little looking around for the

short write-up.

Used stamps seem to have been especially designed for hot weather. There is nothing much you can ruin about them unless you persist in handling them with your sweaty fingers instead of tongs. Some of you folks with highly acid constitutions could

inghly acta constitutions could stain the pretties.

In your box full of used you might find the makings of several topical collections, or the beginning of a country to or the ginning of a country or so, or the ginning of a country or so, or the material for a cancellation collection like socked-on-the-nose U.S. Somewhere among your loot you will find the spark that will inspire you to dig with a will. Such simple things have been the inspiration for collections developed to top notch exhibition winners.

 On which denomination of the National Parks series of 1934 was Mt. McKinley in Alaska shown?

2. Mount McKinley is (choose one) the highest peak in North America; third highest; one of a number of peaks of this same number of peaks of this same general height.

In the April 30 column we had a discussion of "why printed al-bum pages don't win prizes at exhibitions." Since then, several readers have asked for an opinion why hand written pages seem to have a preference over type-

to have a preference over type-written ones in the eyes of exhi-bition judges.

While perhaps such a situation does exist, I feel that perhaps 90% of all stamp show judges have no prejudices in the matter. On the main, your experienced judges are fairly square shooters, even as you and I. Only at the very top in the field of judges do we find the head strong and the opinionated—and sadly to the opinionated—and sadly to state, these are the very persons who should have the greatest tolerance and openmindedness.

I don't want to leave the impression that all the top notch

judges are narrow, but there are more than the law of averages accounts for. Perhaps they are impressed with their own infalli-bility!

So much for the judges.

Pursuing the original theme, I would say that hand written and typewritten pages are regarded equally meritorious by the judges. It seems to be somewhat of a happy coincidence that many of the grand award exhibits are written in pen and ink. And worse insult to the typewriter school of writing up, a lot of the writing

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wouldn't do credit to a fifth

In such instances, the sheer advantage in excellence of the ma-terial shown, and the outstand-ing evidence of philatelic know-ledge, carry the day for the scrib-blers. Should this same collection have been typewritten with the same stamps and write-up, it would have been unbeatable as

When you are in there scrap-ping with your collection for one of the cups or medals at the big shows, you are in fast company indeed. It isn't like in the rib-

indeed. It isn't like in the rib-bon and certificate shows.
The opinions on the matter of-fered here were formed to a large extent at stamp shows I have judged. And from this experience, I have chosen a style which I think will hold its own anywhere.

I typewrite my pages!!

If persistence brings results, the United States Post Office Department should bring out a stamp or set of stamps picturing flowers one of these days.

The persistence and push is being supplied by a group of folks, organized nationally, known as the United States Flower Postage Stamp Committee. Halle Cohen, Cohen Bros., Jacksonville, Fla. is national chairman.

They have been pushing for a flower stamp for a number of years and claim to have several years and claim to have several garden clubs in back of them on the idea. Interested persons are being asked to write to the Postmaster General, Jesse M. Donaldson, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C. approving such a stamp.

Starting with a first day on May 1, the USFPSC will sponsor a cacheted cover until June 15. That is they will continue to mail them for collectors until the June 15 date.

The May 1 cover was mailed from Christmas, Fla. It bore the green Executive commem, the cachet was in green, and green ink was used to address the cover. It made a rather tidy item.

A news item elsewhere in this edition tells of the cost and to whom to write.

Arthur K. Hurlburt of Detroit and Howard G. Brunsman of Ar-lington, Va. both write to the effect that W. W. Alexander a Confederate Veteran of Asheville, N. C. has died. The ranks are thinning all too quickly thinning all too quickly.

One of these days, in the not so distant future, stamps in coil form will be a thing of the past. The largest users of coils today are the stamp vending machines found in the lobbies of many post

offices.

These machines are a boon, of course, to those folks who forget, or don't have the opportunity, of buying stamps at the stamp windows. But a worthy contender in performing the stamp selling job are those machines which take your money upon which you insert your letter or card, press a button, and the piece of mail gets an imprinted meter indication of postage paid.

postage paid.
You don't get your piece of mail returned—it goes on through to a receptacle where a clerk takes it right to the sorting tables rather than to the cancelling ma-chine. That's a step saved. Coils were also extensively

chine. That's a step saved.

Coils were also extensively used in business offices where there was a lot of mailing to be done. Mailing machines which sealed the envelopes and which applied one of the stamps were to be found nearly everywhere. This same function is being performed quicker and better by the meter postage machines.

formed quicker and better by the meter postage machines.

The coils are a victim of the times like the canal boat and the horse and buggy. There are some of both still around, but they don't excite any one.

Perhaps the interest in coil stamps will die as their use dies. I wouldn't want to predict that it would. But coil stamps have never had too vigorous a following—maybe with the non-appearing—maybe with the non-appearance of new material it will be a blow not to be sustained.

1. None. It was shown on the Alaskan stamp of the Territorial issue of 1937.

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PENNSYLVANIA

From The Keystoner we learn at the Pennsylvania collectors are beginning to compile data for a PENNSYLVANIA PRE-CANCEL CATALOG. Mr. Sam Enders R. D. #2, Box 17, Altoona, Penna. is the editor and the one to contact if you suspect you have unlisted or new Pennsylvan-ia precaped material ia precancel material.

Incidentally the Keystoner was mailed from Waterford, Pa. last month. The collectors over that way are certainly taking on a lot of work. Besides the above men-tioned are also preparing for the national PSS convention in Au-

MICHIGAN

Town and Type collecting is still the leader in the precancel field. There are 14 Towns from Michigan that have been author-ized and have not been seen. Abotsford, Auburn Heights, Ban-nister, Coral, Decker, Eagle, Freeport, Hubbell, Lakeville, Mc. Brides, Port Sanilac, Ridgeway, Ruth and South Rockwood.

It is quite possible that one or more of these places now are using precancels or have used them in the past. Michigan collectors would be quite pleased to know about it if you happen to have a precancel from one of the above towns. towns.

SPHINX

(Continued from page 6)

every hand. He should have said every hand. He should have said that this is what happens eventually to Christian countries conquered by barbaric Asiatics. He visited the slave market at Alexandria. (Slavery then prevailed in the U. S.) The Arab dealer offered him a springy Abyssinian girl, as he described her, for a hundred and fifty dollars. When he hesitated to anlars. When he hesitated to answer, the Arab removed the girl's garments so he could see bargain he would be getting.

Durbin was shocked by this display of immodesty. Neverthe-less he did not keep away from the slave bazzar in Constantinople when he got there. He re-ported that all the slaves on sale were women and that they were of every hue of skin. He was not allowed to see the supposed-ly beautiful Circassian girls, only two of them being on sale at the time.

Maybe they were sold only sight-unseen as was the practice in the Near East. One of the men of Durbin's escort related how he had arranged to marry an Arab girl and had paid her father fifty dollars for her. That when he saw her for the first time she was so homely and old that he preferred to lose the money rather than take her that he preferred to lose money rather than take her.

Quarantined At Jerusalem

The American consul at Cairo The American consul at Cairo arranged with the sheik of an Arab tribe to provide an armed escort to accompany the Durbin's party to Palestine, and to supply the needed horses and camels. The Americans spent July 4, 1842 in the Judean hills. They celebrated it by shooting off their pistols. When they reached Jerusalem, word had proceeded Jerusalem, word had proceeded them that cholera had broken out in Egypt after their deparout in Egypt after their departure, and they were quarantined in a corner inside the city walls, and had to pitch their tent by the side of a heap of manure. The Turks otherwise were not strict and permitted them the fieedom of the city walls.

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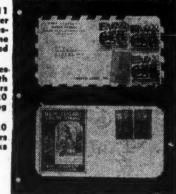
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Final plans for the first Annual A.S.D.A. New England Postage Stamp Show to be held in the Dorothy Quincy Suite of the John Hancock Building, Berkeley and Stuart Streets in Boston, Mass., on May 18, 19, and 20, have been

completed.
Exhibits to be seen in the Court Exhibits to be seen in the Court of Honor are the following: (1) The U. S. Government Post Office Department Frames; (2) Selected portions of the exquisite collection of Cardinal Spellman of New York; (3) Complete frames of rare copies of U. S. 1851's, in commemoration of the Centennial of the se famous stamps; (4) Some of the most interesting and rare stampless covers of early United States; (5) A masterpiece collection of early United States Covers.

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Covers must be in the hands of the Cachet Committee, Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, Waterloo, Iowa by June 8. Cancellations will be available for both days, but collectors must make a request for such service. Due to increased labor cost plus cost of paper our prices on most of our supplies are cancelled and the new prices listed below are in effect beginning April 1, 1951. In making these changes we have attempted to retain our basic prices and to make the necessary adjustment, have changed the contents of the various parcels to a lesser number of pages, thus attaining the necessary result.

Instead of prices now in our price list or printed on the face of our various packages, the schedule below is in effect.

A Complete new price list is being prepared and will be issued as soon as it is printed.

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the State Romero was born in the State of Sergipe on April 21, 1851. In early life he showed evidences of the intellectual and social charthe

the intellectual and social characteristics which were in later life to make him famous and to endear him to his countrymen.

In Brazil's cultural history, Romero is remembered as a philosopher, folklorist, educator and writer. His books number more than a hundred with his History of Brazilian Literature being probably his best known.

For a number of years he held For a number of years he held the chair of professor of philoso-phy at the Colegio Pedro II founded by the late emperor of Brazil on November 2, 1837. A first day cover and news of the new stamp was received from Prof. F. M. da Motta, Rio de Ja-neiro, Brazil,

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For May Day (May 1), considered the Communist "Fourth of July," Hungary issued a set of three stamps whose designs contained all the usual Red ho-



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